

THE CLAIMS:

1. to 384. (Canceled)

385. (New) An information processing apparatus for determining a charge amount for charging a user for printout of output information, the apparatus comprising:

a memory storing a computer program; and

a processor that executes the computer program, the program comprising the steps of:

reading first value information indicating a charge value of the output information to be printed out and second value information indicating a charge value of additional information to be printed out together with the output information, wherein the output information is selected from a plurality of registered output information based on a user designation of the output information to be printed out, and wherein the additional information is automatically selected from a plurality of registered additional information;

determining a charge amount for the printout of the output information to be printed out together with the additional information, based on the first value information of the user-selected output information and the second value information of the automatically-selected additional information; and

outputting the charge amount determined by said determining step so as to display the charge amount for the printout on a display.

386. (New) An information processing apparatus according to claim 385, wherein said output information designated by the user contains plural types of output information and the first value information corresponds with the plural types of output information.

387. (New) An information processing apparatus according to claim 385, wherein said determining step determines the charge amount based on a monetary amount obtained by subtracting from a monetary amount corresponding to the first value information, a monetary amount corresponding to the second value information.

388. (New) An information processing apparatus according to claim 385, wherein said determining step determines the charge amount based on a monetary amount obtained by subtracting, from a monetary amount for executing the printout and a monetary amount corresponding to the first value information, a monetary amount corresponding to the second value information.

389. (New) An information processing apparatus according to claim 387, wherein if the monetary amount obtained after the subtraction becomes negative, said determining step determines the charge amount for the printout as zero.

390. (New) An information processing apparatus according to claim 385, wherein said computer program further comprises the step of discriminating whether or not to attach the additional information to the output information for the printout;

wherein, if said discriminating step discriminates that the additional information is to be attached to the output information, said determining step determines the charge amount based on a monetary amount corresponding to the first value information, a monetary amount corresponding to the second value information, and a monetary amount for executing the printout, and

wherein, if said discriminating step discriminates that the additional information is not to be attached to the output information, said determining step

determines the charge amount based on a monetary amount corresponding to the first value information and a monetary amount for executing the printout.

391. (New) An information processing apparatus according to claim 385, wherein the additional information is advertisement information to be printed out together with the output information.

392. (New) An information processing apparatus according to claim 385, wherein said computer program further comprises the steps of:

receiving output information to be registered through a network;

issuing output information identification code information corresponding to the registered output information; and

entering, based on the user designation, the output information identification code information indicating the output information to be printed out.

393. (New) An information processing method performed by an information processing apparatus for determine a charge amount for printout of output information, the method comprising the steps of:

reading first value information indicating a charge value of the output information to be printed out and second value information indicating a charge value of additional information to be printed out together with the output information, wherein the output information is selected from a plurality of registered output information based on a user designation of the output information to be printed out, and wherein the additional information is automatically selected from a plurality of registered additional information;

determining a charge amount for the printout of the output information to be printed out together with the additional information, based on the first value information of

the user-selected output information and the second value information of the automatically-selected additional information; and

outputting the charge amount determined in said determining step so as to display the charge amount for the printout on a display.

394. (New) An information processing method according to claim 393, wherein said output information designated by the user comprises plural types of output information and the first value information corresponds with the plural types of output information.

395. (New) An information processing method according to claim 393, wherein said determining step determines the charge amount based on a monetary amount obtained by subtracting, from a monetary amount corresponding to the first value information, a monetary amount corresponding to the second value information.

396. (New) An information processing method according to claim 393, wherein said determining step determines the charge amount based on a monetary amount obtained by subtracting, from a monetary amount for executing the printout and a monetary amount corresponding to the first value information, a monetary amount corresponding to the second value information.

397. (New) An information processing method according to claim 395, wherein if the monetary amount obtained after subtraction becomes negative, said determining step determines the charge amount for the printout as zero.

398. (New) An information processing method according to claim 393, further comprising a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not to attach the additional information to the output information for the printout;

wherein, if said discriminating step discriminates that the additional information is to be attached to the output information, said determining step determines the charge amount based on a monetary amount corresponding to the first value information, a monetary amount corresponding to the second value information, and a monetary amount for executing the printout, and

wherein, if said discriminating step discriminates that the additional information is not to be attached to the output information, the determining step determines the charge amount based on a monetary amount corresponding to the first value information and a monetary amount for executing the printout.

399. (New) An information processing method according to claim 393 wherein the additional information is advertisement information to be printed out together with the output information.

400. (New) An information processing method according to claim 393, further comprising the steps of:

receiving output information to be registered through a network;

issuing output information identification code information corresponding to the registered output information; and

entering, based on the user designation, the output information identification code information indicating the output information to be printed out.

401. (New) A computer-readable memory medium storing an information processing program for controlling an information processing apparatus to determine a charge amount for printout of output information, the program comprising the steps of:

reading first value information indicating a charge value of the output information to be printed out and second value information indicating a charge value of additional information to be printed out together with the output information, wherein the output information is selected from a plurality of registered output information based on a user designation, and wherein the additional information is automatically selected from a plurality of registered additional information;

determining a charge amount for the printout of the output information to be printed out together with the additional information, based on the first value information of the user-selected output information and the second value information of the automatically-selected additional information; and

outputting the charge amount determined by said determining step so as to display the charge amount for the printout on a display.

402. (New) A memory medium according to claim 401, wherein said output information designated by the user comprises plural types of output information and the first value information corresponds with the plural types of output information.

403. (New) A memory medium according to claim 401, wherein said determining step determines the charge amount based on a monetary amount obtained by subtracting, from a monetary amount corresponding to the first value information, a monetary amount corresponding to the second value information.

404. (New) A memory medium according to claim 401, wherein said determining step determines the charge amount based on a monetary amount obtained by subtracting, from a monetary amount for executing the printout and a monetary amount corresponding to the first value information, a monetary amount corresponding to the second value information.

405. (New) A memory medium according to claim 403, wherein if the monetary amount obtained after subtraction becomes negative, said determining step determines the charge amount for the printout as zero.

406. (New) A memory medium according to claim 401, wherein said information processing program further includes the codes of discrimination step of discriminating whether or not to attach the additional information to the output information for the printout;

wherein, if said discriminating step discriminates that the additional information is to be attached to the output information, said determining step determines the charge amount based on a monetary amount corresponding to the first value information, a monetary amount corresponding to the second value information, and a monetary amount for executing the printout, and

wherein, if said discrimination step discriminates that the additional information is not to be attached to the output information, said determination step determines the charge amount based on a monetary amount corresponding to the first value information and a monetary amount for executing the printout.

407. (New) A memory medium according to claim 401, wherein the additional information is advertisement information to be printed out together with the output information.

408. (New) A memory medium according to claim 401, wherein said information processing program further comprises the steps of:

receiving output information to be registered through a network;

issuing output information identification code information corresponding to the registered output information; and

entering, based on the user designation, the output information identification code information indicating the output information to be printed out.

409. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 392, wherein said program further comprises the steps of:

receiving additional information to be registered through a network;

storing the received additional information in a database; and

automatically selecting the additional information to be printed out together with the output information from the database in response to entry of the output information identification code information.

410. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 385, wherein said reading step reads the second value information for the additional information if the user desires printout of the additional information, and said determining step determines the amount of charge for the printout of the output information based on the first value information of the output information and the second value information of the additional information if the user desires printout of the additional information.



411. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 385, wherein the additional information has attributes including a print effective date, a position within the printout at which the additional information is to be printed, or a print size.

412. (New) An information processing method according to Claim 400, further comprising the steps of:

receiving additional information to be registered through a network;

storing the received additional information in a database; and

automatically selecting the additional information to be printed together with the output information from the database in response to entry of the output information identification code information.

413. (New) An information processing method according to Claim 393, wherein said reading step reads the second value information for the additional information if the user desires printout of the additional information, and said determining step determines the amount of charge for the printout of the output information based on the first value information of the output information and the second value information of the additional information if the user desires printout of the additional information.

414. (New) An information processing method according to Claim 393, wherein the additional information has attributes including a print effective date, a position within the printout at which the additional information is to be printed, or a print size.

415. (New) A memory medium according to Claim 408, wherein the program further comprises the steps of:

receiving additional information to be registered through a network;

storing the received additional information in a database; and  
automatically selecting the additional information to be printed out together  
with the output information from the database in response to entry of the output  
information identification code information.

416. (New) A memory medium according to Claim 401, wherein said  
readout control step reads the second value information for the additional information if the  
user desires printout of the additional information, and said determination step determines  
the amount of charge for the printout of output information based on the first value  
information on the output information and the second value information ~~for~~ of the  
additional information if the user desires printout of the additional information.

417. (New) A memory medium according to Claim 401, wherein the  
additional information has attributes including a print effective date, a position within the  
printout at which the additional information is to be printed, or a print size.